



# Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call  
Friday, May 20, 2016  
Olympia, Washington

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## Attendance

Commission:  
Brad Smith, Chair  
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair  
Jay Kehne  
Dave Graybill  
Kim Thorburn  
Bob Kehoe  
Connie Mahnken  
Jay Holzmiller

Public:

Department Staff:  
Jim Unsworth, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
Ron Warren  
Eric Gardner  
Mick Carpenter  
Jennifer Quan

Commission Staff  
Tami Lininger

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Vice Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **A. Hunting Rules Amendment – Decision**

Commissioners reconsidered decisions made at the April 8-9, 2016 meeting and amended the season dates regarding WAC 232-28-359 – Deer Special Permits. This change eliminates season overlap between modern firearm and archery hunters, increasing hunter safety.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to amend the motion that was previously adopted by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission on April 8, 2016 regarding WAC 232-28-359 – 2016 Deer Special Permits by changing the season dates for the Chiliwist and Entiat quality buck archery permits from November 19-27 to November 21-30. The motion passed.

### **B. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision**

The Commission considered approval of meeting minutes.  
April 8-9, 2016 meeting

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the minutes of the April 8-9, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion passed.

### **C. General Discussion**

Commissioners and the Director discussed the following activities and items of interest:

- Director Unsworth and Ron Warren provided an update on North of Falcon. The Commissioner's stressed the importance of public

communication on the outcome. The department will also be working on process improvements for the future.

- Commissioners Smith, Carpenter and Wecker will be on a panel at the UW next week.
- Thank you and appreciation to staff from Commissioner Holzmiller for the great educational meeting and presentation to folks in Asotin County regarding the wolf issue in the area.
- Jennifer Quan provided an update on the Wild Future initiative.

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant